

## Connecting to the Illinois Health Information Exchange (ILHIE) Helps Providers Achieve Stage 2 Meaningful Use

### What is Meaningful Use?

Meaningful Use is the set of standards that governs the use of electronic health records and allows eligible professionals and hospitals to earn Medicare and Medicaid incentive payments by meeting specific criteria. The goal of Meaningful Use is to promote the spread of electronic health records to improve health care in the United States. For details about the incentive programs, visit the [CMS website <http://tinyurl.com/MUIncentives>](http://tinyurl.com/MUIncentives).

### Connecting to the ILHIE will Assist you in Achieving Many of the Stage 2 Meaningful Use Objectives

- Stage 2 meaningful use criteria have a clear focus on health information exchange (HIE) to provide better patient care
- Other core objectives are achieved through your electronic health records system (EHR)

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released the complete list of final rules for Stage 2 meaningful use and updated certification criteria and standards. To learn more about the final rules and read about meaningful use clinical quality measures click here <http://tinyurl.com/MUStage2>

### Connect to the ILHIE Today and be Well Prepared for Stage 3 in 2016

- Stage 3 meaningful use criteria is heavily focused on HIE

## Learn How the ILHIE Will Help Achieve Stage 2 Meaningful Use

The following two charts (Eligible Professionals and Eligible Hospitals) outline the specific Stage 2 meaningful use core objectives that the ILHIE will assist you in achieving:

### Eligible Professionals

Name and Number of Core Objective	Purpose of Objective	How Connecting to the ILHIE Helps Achieve the Stage 2 Meaningful Use Objective
Patient Communication about Relevant Health Information #8	Use secure electronic messaging to communicate with patients on relevant health information	ILHIE Direct allows providers to communicate relevant health information to patients using the Out of Network feature
Protect Health Information #9	Protect electronic health information created or maintained by the certified EHR technology through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities	ILHIE provides a secure means of transporting protected health information (PHI) from one provider to another
Clinical Lab Test Results #10	Incorporate clinical lab results into Certified EHR Technology	ILHIE Direct can be used to present structured clinical lab results as an attachment to an ILHIE Direct message
Medication Reconciliation #14	The Eligible Provider (EP) who receives a patient from another setting of care or provider of care or believes an encounter is relevant should perform medication reconciliation	For providers connected to the ILHIE, the Eligible Provider (EP) receiving a patient from another care setting can inquire for a medication history through a patient query or receive a medication history via ILHIE DIRECT, and then perform the reconciliation
Summary of Care Record #15	Provide a summary of care for each transition of care or referral	ILHIE provides the capability to transmit the summary of care record from one provider to another
Immunization Registry #16	Submit electronic data to immunization registries	Connecting to the ILHIE provides connectivity to the Public Health Node, allowing professionals to report immunization data
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Cancer Registry #5	Identify and report cancer cases to a state cancer registry	ILHIE provides connectivity to the Public Health Node which will connect to a State Cancer Registry
Specialized Registry #6	Identify and report specific cases to a specialized registry (other than a cancer registry)	ILHIE provides connectivity to the Public Health Node which will connect to any specialized registries as they become established

## Eligible Hospitals

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Protect Health Information #7	Protect electronic health information created or maintained by the certified EHR technology through the implementation of appropriate technical capabilities	ILHIE provides a secure, encrypted means of transporting protected health information (PHI) from one provider to another
Summary of Care Record #12	Provide a summary of care for each transition of care or referral	ILHIE provides the capability to transmit the summary of care record from one provider to another
Immunization Registry #13	Submit electronic data to immunization registries	Connecting to the ILHIE provides connectivity to the Public Health Node, allowing hospitals to report immunization data
Reportable Lab Results #14	Submit electronic data on reportable lab results to public health agencies	ILHIE provides connectivity to the Public Health Node, allowing hospitals to submit reportable lab results to Public Health syndromic surveillance data
Syndromic Surveillance #15	Submit electronic syndromic surveillance data to public health agencies	ILHIE provides connectivity to the Public Health Node, allowing hospitals to report syndromic surveillance data
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Advanced Directives	Record whether a patient is 65 years or older and has an advanced directive	The ILHIE, in conjunction with the Illinois Department of Public Health, is contemplating the development of an Advanced Directives Repository which, once established, will enable the collection of Advanced Directives information obtained from patients by hospitals.
Structured Electronic Lab Results	Provide structured electronic lab results to ambulatory providers	ILHIE Direct can be used to present structured clinical lab results as an attachment to an ILHIE Direct message and sent to ambulatory provider

## Join the ILHIE

To learn more about why your organization should connect to the ILHIE and/or how it can assist you in achieving Stage 2 meaningful use, please contact Raul Recarey, ILHIE Executive Director at [raul.recarey@illinois.gov](mailto:raul.recarey@illinois.gov) or call 312-814-3534

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